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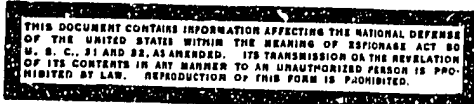
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NEW FLAGS FOR ARMENIAN AND KIRGIZ SSR

[Comment: The Armenian and Kirgiz flags are the fourth and fifth union republic flags to be changed within the past year. The Belorussian flag was changed on 25 December 1951, the Uzbek flag on 29 August 1952, and the Azerbaydzhani flag on 7 October 1952. The new flags are more distinctive than the old, which were identical to that of the USSR except for minor details.]

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NEW FLAG FOR ARMENIAN SSR -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 20 Dec 52

By a 17 December 1952 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Armenian SSR, changes in the state flag of the Armenian SSR have been decreed. The old flag was red with a gold hammer and sickle and the Armenian letters "HSSR" in the upper corner near the staff.

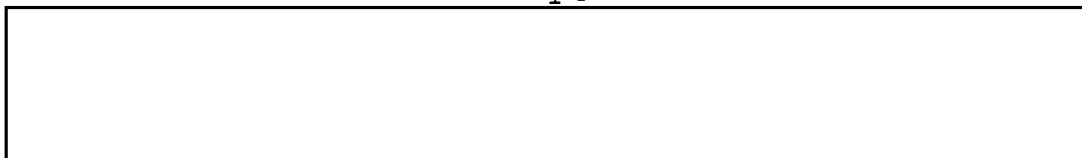
The new Armenian flag is red with a blue center stripe running the entire length of the flag and making up one-fourth the width. In the upper left corner near the staff there are a gold hammer and sickle and above them a red five-pointed star outlined in gold. The ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 121 of the Armenian Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

A sketch of the new Armenian flag is appended.

NEW FLAG FOR KIRGIZ SSR -- Frunze, Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, 25 Dec 52

By a 22 December 1952 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kirgiz SSR, changes in the state flag of the Kirgiz SSR have been decreed. The old flag was red with the gold-lettered inscription "Kirgiz SSR" in Kirgiz and Russian in the upper corner near the staff.



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The new Kirgiz flag is red with a blue center stripe running the entire length of the flag and making up one-third the width of the flag. A narrow white stripe, making up one-twentieth the width of the flag, divides the blue stripe. In the upper left corner near the staff are a gold hammer and sickle and above them a red five-pointed star outlined in gold. The ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 116 of the Kirgiz Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

A sketch of the new Kirgiz flag is appended.

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